#### ORDINANCE NO. 21-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 1ST OF MAY, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, FOUR (4) WARD COUNCILMEMBERS (WARDS I, II, III AND IV) AND TWO (2) COUNCILMEMBERS-AT-LARGE; PROVIDING **PROPOSITIONS** REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT AT SUCH ELECTION: DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION WITH THE BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT DISTRICT AND PORT BEAUMONT; OF CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND APPROVING A RUNOFF **ELECTION IF NECESSARY.** 

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT:

#### Section 1

In accordance with the City Charter, the Constitution, and general laws of the State of Texas, a general municipal election is hereby called and ordered for the first Saturday in May, 2021, the same being the 1st day of said month, at which election all qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Beaumont may vote for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmembers to Wards I, II, III and IV and two (2) Councilmembers-At-Large for full term.

#### Section 2

No person's name shall be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for any of the above-mentioned positions unless such person has filed his or her sworn application, as provided by Section 141.031, Section 143.004, and Section 143.007 of the Texas Election Code, and Article IV, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Beaumont, with the City Clerk, not later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on the seventy-

eighth (78th) day before the date of such election. The City Clerk shall note on the face of each such application the date and time of its filing. A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk as provided by Section 146.054 of the Texas Election Code, not later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. of the seventy-fourth (74th) day before Election Day.

#### Section 3

Said election shall be held jointly with the Beaumont Independent School District and the Port of Beaumont in accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code; the Jefferson County Clerk will coordinate, supervise, and handle all aspects of administering said joint election in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and as outlined in the terms and conditions of an Election Services Contract substantially in the form attached hereto to as Exhibit 1.

#### Section 4

Legally qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Beaumont shall be entitled to a vote at said election for the respective candidate(s) and other matters that may appear on the ballot.

#### Section 5

The notice and order of said election shall be given by posting and publishing said notice and order as provided by the Texas Election Code.

#### Section 6

That an electronic voting system, as described by Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for said election.

#### Section 7

That the following are hereby appointed officers of said election to serve at the Central Counting Station, which is hereby established at the Mid-County Office Building, 7963 Viterbro Road, Nederland, Texas; Central Counting Station Manager, Wayne Ozio, Tabulation Supervisor, Jeff Ross; and Assistant Tabulation Supervisor, Mary Helm.

### Section 8

The official ballots, ballot cards, and ballot labels, respectively, for the election shall be prepared in accordance with Title 5 of the Texas Election Code.

#### Section 9

That the County Clerk of Jefferson County is hereby appointed Clerk for early voting and; and pursuant to Sec. 83.084 of the Texas Election Code, the appointment of Theresa Goodness as Deputy Early Voting Clerk is approved, said appointments being without additional compensation. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the main early voting location, Jefferson County Court House, 1001 Pearl St., Beaumont, Texas, 77701, with three branch early voting locations at Rogers Park Recreation Center, 6540 Gladys, Beaumont, TX 77706, Theodore Johns Library, 4255 Fannett Rd., Beaumont, TX 77701 and John Paul Davis Community Center, 3580 E. Lucas, Beaumont, TX, 77706. Early voting ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1151, Beaumont, Texas, 77704-1151. The Jefferson County Clerk shall keep said office open for at least eight (8) hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on each day for early voting or an official

State Holiday beginning on the twelfth (12th) day through the fourth (4th) day preceding the date of such election; provided, however, except as authorized by Sections 85.005 (a) and (d), Texas Election Code, said County Clerk shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance on any day or time not designated herein for early voting and under no circumstances shall she permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance at any time when her office is not open to the public for early voting purposes.

#### Early Voting Dates and Times

Monday	April 19, 2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 20, 2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 21, 2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 22, 2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	April 23, 2021	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 24, 2021	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 25, 2021	POLLS WILL BE CLOSED
Monday	April 26, 2021	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 27, 2021	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Section 10

That early votes by personal appearance and by mail shall be counted by an early voting ballot board consisting of a presiding judge and (5) five clerks, the County Clerk may authorize as many additional clerks as are deemed necessary. Early votes shall be canvassed and returned by the Early Voting Ballot Board to the Central Counting Station by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

#### Section 11

If any person or persons appointed herein do not appear, are unable to perform their duties, or fail to perform their duties, the County Clerk shall have the discretion and authority to appoint any substitute personnel to fill the position(s).

#### Section 12

The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing by the City Clerk, as provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code. The City Clerk shall post a notice in the office of the City Clerk, 801 Main St., Suite 125, Beaumont, Texas, 77701 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date on which the drawing is to be held, of the time and place of the drawing, and shall also give personal notice to any candidate who makes written request for such notice and furnishes to the City Clerk a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Each candidate involved in the drawing, or a representative designated by the candidate, shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

#### Section 13

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to a particular set of persons or circumstances, should for any reason be held to be invalid or adjudged unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, and to such end the various portions and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable; and the City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, declares it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

## Section 14

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

The meeting at which this ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Beaumont this the 19th day of January, 2021.

- Mayor Becky Ames -



## ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT AND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK

#### AND

## CITY OF BEAUMONT, PORT OF BEAUMONT, BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PORT ARTHUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PORT OF PORT ARTHUR and SABINE PASS PORT AUTHORITY

This agreement made and entered into, by and between Jefferson County, hereinafter referred to as "County", acting herein by and through its County Judge and Commissioner's Court, joined herein by the County Election Officer, Carolyn Guidry, County Clerk, and the following entities:

- City of Beaumont
- Port of Beaumont
- Beaumont Independent School District
- Port Arthur Independent School District
- Port of Port Arthur
- Sabine Pass Port Authority

hereinafter referred to as "Political Subdivision(s)", acting herein by and through its Board.

WHEREAS, Political Subdivision(s) is	/are required to	conduct an el	ection on <b>M</b> a	y 1, 2021, THIS
CONTRACT is made this	day of		, 2021, by a	nd between the
above named Political Subdivision(s)	and Jefferson	County, Tex	as, by its C	ounty Elections
Officer, Carolyn Guidry, hereinafter of	called "Contrac	eting Officer,"	' pursuant to	Texas Election
Code Section 31.092. The parties agree	e to enter into a	n election serv	vices contract	with each other
in accordance with Chapter 271 of the T	Texas Election	Code and this	Agreement.	This Agreement
is entered into in consideration of the m	utual covenant	s and promises	s hereinafter	set out:

- 1. **RECITALS.** Contracting Officer is the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas, and is the County Officer in charge of election duties. Political Subdivision is a political entity situated wholly or partially within Jefferson County, Texas. Political Subdivision and Contracting Officer have determined that it is in the public interest of Jefferson County voters that the following contract be made and entered into for the purpose of having Contracting Officer furnish to Political Subdivision certain election services and equipment needed by Political Subdivision in connection with the holding of its May 1, 2021, Election. Jefferson County's certified Hart InterCivic electronic voting equipment is to be used in this Political Subdivision Election.
- 2. **DUTIES AND SERVICES OF CONTRACTING OFFICER.** Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing the following duties and shall furnish the following services and equipment:

- (a) Notify and coordinate presiding election judges, alternate judges, and all other election officials required to administer this Election. Jefferson County will make emergency appointments of election officials if necessary. Compensate all election workers for time worked at the approved hourly rate by Commissioners' Court.
- (b) Arrange for poll worker training through a third party or conduct necessary training. Notify all early voting and Election Day officials of the date, time and place thereof.
- (c) Arrange for the use of early voting locations per the attached **Exhibit A Early Voting Locations** and Election Day polling locations per the attached **Exhibit B Election Day Vote Centers**. If emergency replacement polling locations are needed, Contracting Officer shall make necessary alternate arrangements to locate another public place (or if unavailable, a private building), and shall notify Political Subdivision as soon as possible.
- (d) Procure election kits and supplies and distribute to the precinct judges and early voting deputies. Obtain from the Tax -Assessor/Voter Registrar lists of registered voters to be used in conducting the election in conformity with the boundaries of Political Subdivision and the election precincts established for the election. The Election Day list of registered voters shall be arranged in alphabetical order.
- (e) Prepare and test all electronic voting equipment, format ballot styles, secure audio, oversee all equipment and voter registration database programming, assure compliance with equipment security requirements. Arrange for transport of equipment to and from polling locations.
- (f) Serve as Early Voting Clerk for this Political Subdivision Election and process, print, mail, and tabulate ballots for any eligible voter, who applies for a ballot by mail including all eligible FPCA applicants. Supervise the conduct of early voting in person and appoint sufficient personnel to serve as deputy early voting clerks. Provide lists of early voters as provided by law if requested by Political Subdivision.
- (g) Publish legal notice of the date, time and place of the public logic and accuracy test. Prepare test materials and conduct internal election testing, public logic and accuracy test, and tests of tabulation equipment.
- (h) Arrange for the early ballot board, signature verification committee, tabulation personnel, and all equipment and supplies needed at central counting station. Tabulate early voting, election night, paper mail ballots and provisional ballots. Tabulate unofficial returns and assist in preparing the tabulation for the official canvass. Provide Political Subdivision its voter history report following the election if requested.
- (i) Serve as Custodian of Records for election records in Contracting Officer's custody and provide for the retention of said election records as provided by law.
- (i) Provide information services for voters and election officers.
- (k) Maintain accurate records of all expenses incurred in connection with the responsibilities

under this Agreement and provide Political Subdivision a final invoice after the conduct of the election. Provide any detailed backup to such invoice, if requested, reflecting the charges or components of the costs set forth on the invoice submitted to Political Subdivision.

- (I) The Contracting Office is responsible for collecting the compensations sheets for the election judges, clerks, and early voting ballot board. The Contracting Officer will also pay the aforementioned for their services and time in accordance with their rate of pay policy.
- (m) Contracting Officer shall conduct a manual count as prescribed by Section 127.201 of the Texas Election Code, unless waived by the Secretary of State. A written report shall be submitted to the Secretary of State as required by Section 127.201(E) of the aforementioned Election Code. If requested, Contracting Officer shall provide a written report to Political Subdivision in a timely manner.
- (n) The Contracting Officer shall place the funds paid by Political Subdivision hereunder in a "contract fund" as prescribed by Section 31.100 of the Texas Election Code.
  - 3. **DUTIES AND SERVICES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**. Political Subdivision shall be responsible for performing the following duties:
- (a) Prepare all election orders, resolutions, notices, and other pertinent documents for adoption and execution by the appropriate Political Subdivision officer or body. Take all actions necessary for calling the Political Subdivision Election which are required by the Texas Election Code and/or the Political Subdivision's governing body, charter, ordinances, or other applicable laws. Execute an Election Services Contract Agreement with Jefferson County Clerk for the purpose of election administration. Serve as Custodian of Records for all election records in its possession as provided by law.
- (b) Political Subdivision shall be responsible for the legal sufficiency of any order calling their election. Political Subdivision shall be responsible for all substantive and procedural legal issues governing the conduct of their election. Political Subdivision understands and agrees that Contracting Officer provides no legal advice to Political Subdivision.
- (c) Adopt the county voting precincts for this election. Political Subdivision shall adopt the early voting locations used by the county located in the Political Subdivision's jurisdictional boundaries with the stipulation to add additional locations and adopt all early voting dates, and hours recommended by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the Texas Election Code as listed on **Exhibit A Early Voting Locations**. Political Subdivision shall adopt the Election Day Vote Center polling locations on the attached **Exhibit B Election Day Vote Centers** for each county voting precinct that is within its jurisdictional boundaries. Political Subdivision shall confirm the accuracy of its jurisdictional boundaries and precincts.
- (d) Prepare, post and publish all required election notices for Political Subdivision except for the Public Test Notice that Contracting Officer shall publish. In addition, if this election's polling locations are different than Political Subdivision's previous election, Political Subdivision shall post notice at the entrance to any previous polling places in its jurisdiction stating that the location

has changed and provide the polling location and address for those voters for this election, pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 43.062, unless County has posted the change for their election. Educate the voters in Political Subdivision on early voting times and places and Election Day polling locations.

- (e) Political Subdivision shall confirm with Tax-Assessor/Voter Registrar its boundaries, county voting precincts and street details within those boundaries. Political Subdivision will validate all boundaries are defined properly within Jefferson County voter registration database, maps and street lists with block ranges and odd/even/both indicators before the coding and programming of the ballot begins. If changes are necessary after programming has begun, the Political Subdivision responsible will incur the cost of re-programming for all entities involved. Political Subdivision must proof and approve all programming work done for the jurisdiction according to the attached **Exhibit C- CALENDAR**
- (f) Deliver to Contracting Officer, according to the attached **Exhibit C CALENDAR**, ballot language with Spanish translations, candidate names or measures, the order in which they are to be printed on the ballot with the exact form and spelling. Provide pronunciation for difficult names or words to use on the audio recording. Timely review and sign off on ballot proofs.
- (g) Any requests for early voting ballots to be voted by mail received by Political Subdivision must be hand delivered or faxed to Contracting Officer on the day of receipt. If the application is faxed, the original application must be mailed to Contracting Officer. Contracting Officer will process applications, mail appropriate ballots, and tabulate.
- (h) If requested, assist Contracting Officer in recruiting bilingual poll workers. Provide documentation on Political Subdivision's efforts to recruit bilingual poll workers if requested by the U. S. Department of Justice.
- (i) Pay prorated additional costs incurred by Contracting Officer if a recount for said election is required, the election is contested in any manner, or a runoff is required.
- (j) Canvass the returns and declare the election results for Political Subdivision. Political Subdivision is responsible for filing any precinct reports required by the Secretary of State.
- (k) The deposit will be waived for this Election Agreement for all Political Subdivisions. All costs will be assessed according to attached schedule on  $\underbrace{\text{Exhibit D} \text{Contract Costs}}_{\text{Exhibit D}}$  and a detailed billed will be rendered within 30 days after the canvassing of the election or the receipt of all invoices needed to validate the billing. Any discrepancies in billing should be addressed immediately.
- (l) Political Subdivision agrees to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with any other political subdivision in Jefferson County which enters into an Election Services Contract with Contracting Officer and which holds an election on MAY 1, 2021.
  - 4. **COST OF SERVICES.** Political Subdivision shall share some expenses for the above services, supplies and equipment. Only the actual expenses directly attributable to this Agreement and any prorated shared expenses may be charged to Political Subdivision,

#### 5. GENERAL CONDITIONS.

- (a) The parties agree that the timing is critical on all duties in this Agreement. Lack of adherence to any deadline in the CALENDAR without prior agreement of Contracting Officer may result in cancellation of Contracting Officer's duties and obligations to conduct Political Subdivision's election under this Agreement or, at the discretion of Contracting Officer, a late penalty surcharge in an amount not to exceed 10% of the final election cost. Adherence to the CALENDAR is critical because of Jefferson County's obligation to complete all programming and testing and to process, print and mail military and overseas ballots by state/federal deadlines and our duty to conduct federal, state, county elections and/or other contracted elections.
- (b) In accordance with Section 31.098 of the Texas Election Code, Contracting Officer is authorized to contract with third persons for election services and supplies and is authorized to hire necessary temporary personnel to perform contracted duties. Part-time personnel will be compensated at the hourly rate set by Jefferson County.
- (c) Political Subdivision acknowledges that electronic voting equipment is highly technical and it is conceivable that, despite the best effort of the parties and technical assistance, it might fail during the election. Contracting Officer will do whatever is possible to remedy the situation, but Political Subdivision agrees that should such equipment fail, it will not make any claim for damages of any kind.
- (d) Any qualified voter in the Joint Election may vote early by personal appearance at any of the joint early voting locations or at any Vote Center/Polling Location on Election Day.
- (e) Jefferson County Elections Department may contract with numerous political entities for the Joint Election, and the parties agree that all ballot styles will be programmed into one electronic voting system. Each voter will receive one ballot which contains all races and issues in the Joint Election for which the voter is eligible at the address and in the precinct in which the voter is currently registered. One joint voter sign in process consisting of a common list of registered voters and common signature rosters shall be used in precincts in which the county polling locations are used.
- (f) The Contracting Officer shall file copies of this Agreement with the Auditor and Treasurer of Jefferson County not later than the 10 day from receipt of the fully executed contract by Contracting Officer.
- (g) Jefferson County is self-insured for personal liability issues. Should Political Subdivision desire insurance for injuries during this election or other liabilities, entity shall make such arrangements separate from this Agreement.
- (h) In the event that the performance by Contracting Officer of any of its obligations hereunder shall be interrupted or delayed by any occurrence not occasioned by its own conduct, whether such occurrence be an act of God or the result of war, riot, civil commotion, sovereign conduct,

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or the act or condition of any persons not a party thereof, then it shall be excused from such performance for such period of time as is reasonably necessary after such occurrence to remedy the effects thereof.

- (i) The parties to this Agreement agree that Political Subdivision may cancel this Agreement in the event that it has no need to conduct an election by 60<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day. If Political Subdivision's election is cancelled after deadline, a \$200 contract preparation and processing fee will be due in addition to any costs incurred by Contracting Officer on behalf of Political Subdivision prior to said cancellation.
- (j) The Political Subdivision has the option of extending the terms of this Agreement through its runoff election, if applicable. Political Subdivision may reduce the number of the adopted early voting locations and/or Election Day voting locations in which precincts are not involved in a runoff election. In the event of a runoff which Political Subdivision wants Contracting Officer to conduct, Political Subdivision agrees to attempt to coordinate the date with other entities participating in this Joint Election. If Political Subdivision elects to have Contracting Officer conduct a runoff election, the cost will be determined by the number of entities participating and the actual costs plus administrative fees. Political Subdivision will be responsible for all orders, notices, and publications required for their runoff except the publication of the public logic and accuracy test which Contracting Officer will publish.

#### 6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

The parties agree to use dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under this Agreement. Either party must give written notice to the other party of a claim for breach of this Agreement not later than the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the event, giving rise to the claim. By their execution of their Agreement, the parties acknowledge and knowingly and voluntarily agree that neither the execution of this Agreement; nor the conduct, act or inaction by any person in the execution, administration, or performance of this Agreement constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of the party's immunity from suit with respect to claims of third parties.

#### 7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/AMENDMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between and Contracting Officer. This Agreement may be amended only in writing and signed by the parties.

#### 8. NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided in this section, all notices, consents, approvals, demands, request, or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have duly given or served when delivered by hand delivery or when deposited in the U.S. mail by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as set forth below or to such other person or address as may be given in writing by either party to the other in accordance with this section:

JEFFERSON COUNTY:

Carolyn L. Guidry, County Clerk

P. O. Box 1151

Beaumont, TX 77704

**CITY OF BEAUMONT:** 

Kyle Hayes, City Manager

801 Main St.

Beaumont, TX 77701

**PORT OF BEAUMONT:** 

Chris Fisher, Director/CEO

P.O. Box 2297

Beaumont, TX 77704

**BEAUMONT ISD:** 

Dr. Shannon Allen, Superintendent

3395 Harrison

Beaumont, TX 77706

PORT ARTHUR ISD:

Dr. Mark Porterie, Superintendent

4801 Ninth Ave.

Port Arthur, TX 77642

PORT OF PORT ARTHUR:

Larry Kelley, Director/CEO

221 Houston Ave.

Port Arthur, TX 77640

**SABINE PASS** 

PORT AUTHORITY:

Deborah Jennings, Office Manager

P.O. Box 318

Sabine Pass, TX 77655

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# EXHIBIT A EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

1001 Pearl St., Beaumont, Texas				
525 Lakeshore Dr., Port Arthur, Texas				
6540 Gladys, Beaumont, Texas				
4615 Ninth Ave, Port Arthur, Texas				
4255 Fannett Rd., Beaumont, Texas				
3580 E Lucas, Beaumont, Texas				

## **EXHIBIT B - ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS**

Commi Pet	Rolling Location :2	¿ Location Address +4	Location City & Zip Code
11	Amelia Elementary School	565 S. Major Dr	Beaumont, TX 77707
12	Beaumont Municipal Airport	455 Keith Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77713
14	BISD Administration Building	3395 Harrison Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
15	New Light Church	3780 Crow Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77706
16	Dishman Elementary	3475 Champions Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77707
17	O.C. Mike Taylor Career Center	2330 North St.	Beaumont, TX 77702
19	Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
110	Roy Guess Elementary	8055 Voth Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77708
31	DeQueen Elementary	740 DeQueen Blvd.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
32	Zion Hill Baptist Church	5848 Roosevelt Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
33	Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse	525 Lakeshore Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
34	Port Acres Elementary	6301 Pat Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
35	O W COLLINS RETIREMENT CTR	4440 GULFWAY DR.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
36	Port Arthur Public Library	4615 9th Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
37	Queen of Vietnam Catholic Church	801 - 9th Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
38	R.L. Gabby Eldridge Center	5262 S. Gulfway Dr	Sabine Pass, TX 77655
39	Travis Elementary	1115 Lakeview Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
310	Willie Ryman III Community Center	3248 39th St.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
41	Alice Keith Park Recreation Center	4075 Highland Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77705
42	Charlton-Pollard Elementary	825 Jackson St.	Beaumont, TX 77701
45	Jefferson County Courthouse	1001 Pearl St.	Beaumont, TX 77701
46	MLK Middle School	1400 Avenue A	Beaumont, TX 77701
47	John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77703
49	Sterling Pruitt Center	2930 Gulf St.	Beaumont, TX 77703
410	Theodore Johns Library	4255 Fannett Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77705

## EXHIBIT C CALENDAR

The Political Subdivision agrees that timing is critical, and lack of adherence to this CALENDAR without prior agreement of Contracting Officer may result in additional charges or cancellation of Contracting Officer's duties and obligations to conduct Political Subdivision's election under this Contract.

## School Districts must adhere to all deadlines, even if on Spring Break.

Please refer to the Texas Secretary of State's website for a complete calendar of events including citations to the Texas Election Code and for information specific to entity type. Confer with your attorney on any statutes that govern your entity. Please comply with all orders, postings and notices as required for your Political Subdivision. Contracting Officer will provide the publication of one Notice of Public Test in English and Spanish.

#### **FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Prior to February 1, 2021, each Political Subdivision is responsible for validating with the Voter Registrar that the boundaries for their voting precincts are correct and supplying the Contracting Officer with a map of such boundaries.

#### 68th day before Election Day

Recommended date to conduct ballot position drawing.

Notice of ballot position drawing must be posted for 72 hours immediately preceding time of drawing.

\*\*Please schedule ballot drawing as soon as possible and email the BALLOT FORMAT AND ORDER OF CANDIDATES ON BALLOT to Contracting Officer at countyclerk@co.jefferson.tx.us.\*\*

## 60th day before Election Day

Last day for the governing body of a political subdivision to deliver notice of the election to the county clerk/elections administrator and voter registrar of each county in which the political subdivision is wholly or partly located. (Sec. 4.008).

Deadline to notify Contracting Officer via email of the following items:

- whether or not Political Subdivision has a contested election.
- candidate names, including write-in candidates.
- any candidate withdrawals or election cancellation.
- order of candidates on ballot. (We prefer to receive it sooner if it is available.)
- Spanish translations of all ballot titles, contests, and ballot language.
- **phonetic pronunciations** of all candidate names which will be used for the ballot audio recording.

### 60th day before Election Day - Continued

Deadline to cancel election and incur no fees under the Election Services Agreement.

Deadline to receive executed Election Services Agreement by mail, personal delivery, or email.

Deadline to receive copy of Order of Election.

Contracting Officer contact information:

Email: countyclerk@co.jefferson.tx.us

Mail: P. O. Box 1151, Beaumont, TX 77704-1151

Hand Delivery: 1085 Pearl Street, First Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701

If additional time is needed because of meeting schedules, please notify us.

\*\*Deadlines for ballot proofing and ballot approval will be emailed with ballot proofs. The parties must adhere to deadlines of 24 hour turnaround time, even if they occur during Spring Break, in order for our office to meet the State and Federal deadlines to mail military and overseas ballots.\*\*

#### 45th day before Election Day

Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who submitted their ballot request via a federal postcard application (FPCA) or via a standard application for ballot by mail and indicated that they are outside the United States. Ballots must be mailed by this date or the 7th day after the clerk receives the application. If the early voting clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk must notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours. (Sec. 86.004(b)).

#### 30th day before Election Day

Last day to register to vote or make a change of address effective for the May 1, 2021, election. (Secs. 13.143, 15.025).

First day of period during which notice of election must be published if the method of giving notice is **not** specified by a law outside the Election Code, and **publication** is the selected method of giving notice. (Sec. 4.003(a)(1)). The notice of election ordered by an authority of a city or school district, must be given by publication in a newspaper in addition to any other method specified. (Secs. 4.003(c) and (d)).

#### 19th day before Election Day

Last day to post notice of election on bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of governing body. (Sec. 4.003(b)). A <u>Record of Posting Notice of Election (PDF)</u> should be completed at the time of posting. (Sec. 4.005).

#### 12th day before Election Day

First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(a)).

**NOTE - Political Subdivisions Other than Cities and Counties**: Early voting in person must be conducted at least eight (8) hours each weekday that is not a legal state holiday unless the political subdivision has fewer than 1,000 registered voters, in which case early voting in person must be conducted at least three (3) hours per day. (Sec. 85.005(b)).

NOTE – Cities and counties: Early voting in person must be conducted on the weekdays of the early voting period and during the hours that the county clerk's or city secretary's main business office is regularly open for business. (Sec. 85.005(a)). However, because cities and counties must have office hours for election-related business at least three (3) hours every business day for this type of election, we harmonize these requirements with the result that, if a city or county is not regularly open for business on one or more weekdays, on those "closed" days, a city or county must conduct early voting for at least three (3) hours a day at the main early voting location (except for a city's two 12-hour days, when it must be open for the full 12 hours).

**NOTE** - Cities: Cities must choose two (2) weekdays for the main early voting polling place location to be open for 12 hours during the regular early voting period. City council must choose the two weekdays. (Sec. 85.005(d)).

**NOTE - Independent School Districts:** Despite the change in state law that allows an ISD to be closed on school holidays during the mandatory office hours period, you are **required** to be open during the entire early voting period, except on legal state and national holidays.

**NOTE - Joint Elections**: If entities are conducting early voting by personal appearance jointly, we *recommend* a unified schedule covering all requirements; i.e., no entity's requirements should be neglected or subtracted as a result of a joint agreement.

#### 10th day before Election Day

Last day of period during which notice of election must be published if method of giving notice is not specified by a law outside the Election Code and publication is the selected method of giving notice. (Sec. 4.003(a)(1)). The notice of election ordered by a commissioners court or by an authority of a city or school district, must be given by publication in a newspaper in addition to any other method specified. (Secs. 4.003(c) and (d)).

Last day to mail a copy of the notice of election to each registered voter in the county if method of giving notice is not specified by a law outside the Election Code and this method of giving notice is selected. (Secs. 1.006, 4.003(a)(3)).

Cities and Counties – Weekend Early Voting Hours - Notice Requirement: Last day to post notice on bulletin board used for posting notice of city council or commissioners court, if early voting will be conducted on Saturday (Sec. 85.007). Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before early voting begins on a Saturday or Sunday. Notice must also be posted to the political subdivision's website, if one is maintained.

**NOTE - NEW LAW:** Section 85.007, as amended by House Bill 2721 (2015), requires that the election notice, which includes the days and hours of early voting be posted on the political subdivision's website, if the political subdivision maintains a website.

4th day before Election Day
Last day to vote early by personal appearance. (Sec. 85.001(a)).

## **Election Day**

NOTE - NEW LAW – House Bill 2354 (2015) changed the date of the May uniform election from the second Saturday in May to the first Saturday in May.

## 30 days from date of final invoice

Pay balance due for election services. Please make checks payable to:

Jefferson County Treasurer P O Box 1151, Beaumont, Texas 77704-1151

## EXHIBIT D

## **CONTRACT COSTS**

Voting Equipment			
Judge's Booth Controller	\$330.00		
eSlate	\$330.00		
Disable Access Unit (DAU)	\$396.00		
Privacy Booth	\$20.00		
Ballot Box	\$5.00		
Communication Devices	·		
EA Tablet + WIFI	\$119.50		
Cell Phone	\$30.00		
Mandatory Signs	·		
Large A-Frame (ID Required )	\$10.00		
Large A-Frame (Notices )	\$10.00		
PROGRAMMING	COUNTY COST		
1 - 5 RACES	\$1,125.00		
6 - 10 RACES	\$1,898.00		
11-20 RACES	\$2,475.00		
21-40 RACES	\$3,135.00		
41-75 RACES	\$3,960.00		
76-100 RACES	\$4,704.00		
BALLOT PRINTING	COUNTY COST		
8.5 X 11	\$0.23		
8.5 X 14	\$0.25		
8.5 X 17	\$0.28		
Sample Ballots	\$0.06		
SUPPLIES			
ELECTION KITS / w Seals EV & ED	\$40.00		
Mail Ballots (Per Set)	\$0.75		
Supply Bag Consumables (per location)	\$20.00		

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